GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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DISCOVERY OF BAUXITE TUNGSTEN AND GRAPHITE RESERVES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has discovered some new reserved areas for Bauxite, Tungsten, Graphite and other mineral in the country including Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, mineral-wise;

(c) the expected quantum of these minerals available in those areas; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the exploitation of these minerals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY)

(a) : Yes, Sir. Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered new deposits of Bauxite, Manganese and Iron Ore in the State of Orissa. Iron Ore has also been discovered in the States of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu and Graphite was discovered in Tamil Nadu. However, Tungsten deposit has not been found by GSI. The other major mineral discoveries by GSI are:

Gold deposits in Rajasthan, Jharkhand and Karnataka; Basemetal (copper, lead, zinc) in the States of Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh; Platinum Group of Metals in Karnataka ; Limestone deposits in the States of Meghalaya and Tamil Nadu and Clay in Kerala

(b) & (c) : The details of resources of these minerals State-wise as provided by GSI for Field Season 2006-07 are as under:

S.No.	Mineral	State	Resources million tonnes
1.	Bauxite	Orissa	1.97
2.	Manganese	Orissa	7.20
3.	Iron Ore	Tamil Nadu	14.03
		Karnataka	8.00
4.	Graphite	Tamil Nadu	0.76
5.	Gold	Rajasthan (2005-06 & 2006-07)	7.48
		Karnataka	0.48
6.	Base metals (Copper, Lead, Zinc)	Rajasthan	37.29
		Maharashtra	1.48
		Madhya Pradesh	1.84
7	Platinum Group of Metals	Karnataka	0.54
8.	Limestone	Meghalaya	280.80
		Tamil Nadu	33.74

(d) : Exploitation of minerals is done by mining companies through mining leases obtained in accordance with the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) [MMDR] Act, 1957.